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Israel

Although Israel plans to comply with the U.S. request for information relating to the spy affair, including the stolen document, there will be no compliance with the U.S. demand to interrogate the diplomats involved. according to "Cabinet sources" cited by Jerusalem television. Jerusalem radio reported that the United States sent "angry signals" when the Israeli ambassador in Washington was questioned about reports, which he later confirmed, that two of the involved diplomats had already left the United States. In an interview on Jerusalem television, Prime Minister Shim'on Peres refused to comment on the spy affair, saying that discussing it at this stage would be a "waste of time." As for relations with Egypt, however, the prime minister disclosed in the interview that a message he received 27 November from Egyptian President Husni Mubarak contained "many things which improve the situation and facilitate the political process." The Egyptian petroleum and mineral resources minister, who delivered the message, told Jerusalem radio that it contained a "detailed" albeit "interim" explanation of the Ra's al-Burqa' incident. Jerusalem radio announced later that the message and the visiting minister's "clarifications" led to an Israeli agreement to send a delegation to Cairo "next week" to resume the Tabah negotiations. In a related development, Foreign Minister Yitzhaq Shamir sent a message to Mubarak proposing a joint Egyptian-Israeli ministerial committee that would "find ways of renewing the peace process."

Libyan-Egyptian Relations

A Libyan Foreign Liaison Bureau communique reported by Tripoli radio accused Egypt of making "groundless" allegations of Libyan involvement in the Egyptair hijacking and challenged Egypt to "present material proof" of the allegations. Claiming that Egyptian military forces along the border with Libya have been reinforced and put on maximum alert, the communique asserted that the hijacking was "perpetrated by the Egyptian regime" to provide an "excuse for aggression" against Libya.

Lebanon

Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) leader Walid Junblatt told Amal Movement officials and cadres that the PSP is "reconsidering" its political and military presence in Beirut with the intention of "closing any gaps" in the Amal-PSP alliance, the clandestine Voice of the Mountain radio reported. In a speech to Amal members in West Beirut's Al-Musaytibah mosque 27 November, Junblatt took responsibility for the "recent mistaken action" and revealed that some "ignorant culprits" have withdrawn to the mountains.

Jordan

PLO dissident Sabri al-Banna's group claimed responsibility for the 24 November killing of two Jordanian members of the group who it maintained were "agents" for the Jordanian Government, AFP reported.

Iran-Iraq War

An Iraqi General Command communique carried by Baghdad Voice of the Masses radio announced that a 28 November "violent" air raid on Khark Island set targets there on fire.

Sudan

A Sudanese People's Liberation Army (SPLA) statement carried by the clandestine Radio of the SPLA denied recent government allegations that Cuba and Ethiopia are training 12,000 SPLA recruits, describing the claim as a "propaganda ploy" designed to appeal to "foreign backers" and disclosing that the "total SPLA force" has never reached 12,000.

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Karmal Chairs Regular PDPA Politburo Session
LD290017 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 28 Nov 85

[Text] The regular session of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo, chaired by Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, was held. The Politburo comprehensively discussed the results of high-level Soviet-U.S. talks which were convened in Geneva. In his talk, Babrak Karmal said the following:

The high-level Geneva talks, proved in a satisfactory manner, that the Soviet Union is and will be the earnest defender of peace and international security. The specific and realistic proposals of the Soviet Union on preventing the spread of the arms race in space and its cessation on earth, as well as its constructive and sound attitude regarding the normalization of the political and international atmosphere, which were carefully presented during these talks by Comrade M.S. Gorbachev, general secretary of CPSU Central Committee, are responsive to the urgent needs of our time, the interests of all humanity, and for safeguarding life on our planet and restoring the people's security.

Babrak Karmal added: With the necessary preparations for these talks and a specific agenda regarding the creation of necessary preconditions for the normalization and improvement of Soviet-U.S. relations and, in general, the world situation, the Soviet Union began talks. The solid, principled policy of the Soviet Union, reflected in the last proposals and initiatives of the Soviet Union, in particular the announcement of a moratorium regarding the deployment of medium-range missiles in Europe, a unilateral halt to nuclear tests, cessation of antisatellite weapons, and a 50 percent reduction in both the Soviet Union's and the United States' nuclear arsenals which can hit the territory of the opposite party, as well as proposals on banning space offensive weapons, secured a firm and powerful stand for the Soviet Union in these talks.

The people of Afghanistan warmly welcome and positively assess the Geneva agreement that attaches importance to the prevention of war between the Soviet Union and the United States, bilateral acceptance of a noninclination to seek military superiority over each other, consolidation of the system on preventing the spread of nuclear weapons, and complete and general prevention of the use of chemical weapons.

Babrak Karmal also said: The party and the DRA Government completely support the principled stand of the Soviet Union regarding the solution of regional issues on the basis of respect for the right of states to national sovereignty, noninterference in internal affairs and all-round support for the people's struggle for national and social independence.

Once again we express appreciation to our great northern neighbor for supporting the struggle of our people to attain a political solution to the events around Afghanistan. We are confident that if Pakistan is really interested in such a solution and the intervention of the United States is halted in the process of talks between Afghanistan and Pakistan, we can expect specific and positive results that not only correspond to the interests of our country but play a role in normalizing the situation in the region and in the world.

The Politburo issued a resolution in this respect which in part says: The PDPA Central Committee Politburo highly assesses the efforts of the Soviet Union to reduce tension in the world regardingthe arms race and establish beneficial reciprocal cooperation between states with different social systems on the basis of equality and respect for their national sovereignty — reflected in the proposals of M.S. Gorbachev, general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee, during the Geneva talks; and the Politburo decrees that the DRA together with all peace-loving forces, now and in the future, will use all possibilities to consolidate the people's peace and security, and to resolutely repulse aggression by imperialism and reaction in the internal affairs of states as well as their endeavors to shatter the unity of the socialist states and to weaken the progressive, democratic and peace-loving forces of our planet.

At this session of the Politburo the work of the party and government organs, active and positive political reaction of the people of Afghanistan vis-a-vis the broad and extraordinary session of the DRA Revolutionary Council, the statement of the Revolutionary Council and the 16th Plenum of the PDPA Central Committee were assessed.

Babrak Karmal approved the accomplished work in comprehensively explaining the 10-theses statement of the Revolutionary Council and the 16th Plenum of the PDPA Central Committee and gave further instructions to the party committees, social organizations and government organs concerning further broader propaganda and popularization work in this field and implementation of the provisions of the theses, the statement of the Revolutionary Council and 16th Plenum of the PDPA Central Committee.

Babrak Karmal said that the 16th Plenum of the PDPA Central Committee has a historic character as it realistically and carefully raised new duties for the broadening of the social pillars of the people's sovereignty, and with critical vision has analyzed and assessed all existing problems and clearly showed the way for the solution of unresolved issues, and specified the duties of the party and government in the field of improving the activities of our country's Armed Forces to decisively crush the counterrevolutionaries and to defend the homeland against aggression by reaction and imperialism.

The implementation of the decisions of our party's plenum require a new approach, new style, manner and method of work.

The session of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo then comprehensively considered the issue of improving the activities of the Revolutionary Guards.

Babrak Karmal said: The work and struggle of the Revolutionary Guards form one of the brilliant pages of the struggle of the members of the PDPA and other patriots who are organized in the social organizations and continue a courageous struggle, under the leadership of the PDPA, against the counterrevolutionaries. We should maintain and extend this sacred tradition and respect it. Participation in the work and struggle of the

Revolutionary Guards is regarded as an effective and good measure for the patriotic training of our youth. Participation in the movement of the Revolutionary Guards is a powerful criterion for our revolutionary and patriotic youth.

The Revolutionary Guards during the 6 years of their existence have proven themselves faithful fighting groups of the party, revolution and homeland. This is one of the brilliant examples of the patriotic struggles of the courageous members of our party against reaction and imperialism. The courageous and patriotic activities of the Kabul party committee which has taken an all-round part, with courage and high perception of responsibility vis-a-vis the revolution and homeland in the movement of the Revolutionary Guards, are appreciable.

Babrak Karmal then added: It is required that the party ranks should be completed from the best Revolutionary Guards. The effectiveness of their activities should be enhanced and for this purpose fundamental attention must be paid in their training, expansion, and improving the material aspects of their activities.

The leadership of the party would not forgive any violation of law and negligence in the sphere of the improvement of the activities of the Revolutionary Guards.

The Politburo, after a comprehensive discussion, specified in a resolution the responsibilities of the various organs of the party, government and social organizations in this respect, and remitted the draft provision on the activities of the detachments and groups of the Revolutionary Guards to the DRA Council of Ministers.

The PDPA Central Committee also heard the report of Shah Muhammad Dost, the DRA minister of foreign affairs, on the participation of the DRA delegation in the ceremonies marking the 40th founding anniversary of the United Nations and 40th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Babrak Karmal emphasized the need for the intensification of activities for the peaceful solution of events around Afghanistan — among others through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as an effective means for the implementation of DRA foreign policy. The Politburo adopted a resolution in this respect.

Forces Seize Arms, Propaganda in Kabul Province

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[Text] Quoting a spokesman of the country's security forces, the BAKHTAR INFORMATION AGENCY reports that as a result of the successful operation by the country's security forces carried out in Jabar Khan village, Bagrami district, the savage counterrevolutionaries suffered heavy losses.

The vigilant security forces of the country seized from them 20 surface-to-surface missiles, 20 warheads of surface-to-surface missiles, 1 electric charger unit, fuses for surface-to-surface missiles, a large amount of explosive substance, 6 Egyptian and Chinese Kalashnikovs together with their magazines and over 2,000 rounds of ammunition, and a large quantity of documents and anti-government propaganda leaflets proving the links of the bands with the mercenary and sold-out bands abroad.

According to another report, as a result of the successful operations by the country's security forces carried out with full cooperation of the noble inhabitants of Chehel Dokhtaran village, Chahar Asiab District, Kabul Province, 17 shells of rocket launchers with 47 guiding units of rocket launchers and 9 boxes of Kalashnikov ammunition were seized by the country's security forces.

Further Seizures

LD281027 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0418 GMT 28 Nov 85

[Text] Kabul, November 27, BAKHTAR — In a victorious operation carried out at Paghman District, Kabul Province, a large quantity of arms and ammunitions were captured by the [word indistinct] forces of the DRA with the cooperation of the local people at Paghman District, Kabul Province.

Included among the captured items [words indistinct]-to-surface rockets, 18 rocket launcher mines, 40 mortar mines, three boxes of explosive materials, 35 hand grenades, twelve thousand assorted bullets, 500 [word indistinct] of explosive wires, three boxes of anti-personnel mines, a number of bullets of machine guns and a number of anti-state documents.

Likewise, due to a victorious operation in the outskirts of Baghlan Province 500 assorted bullets, 20 anti-personnel mines, 19 rocket launchers, bullets, one mortar, and four boxes of anti-tank mines have been captured from the counter-revolution.

A mortar of the enemy was also damaged during the operation.

'Concern' Over Attacks on Diplomats in Pakistan

BK281247 Delhi Domestic Service in English
1230 GMT 28 Nov 85

[Text] India has expressed serious concern, distress, and disappointment over the recent incident at Nankana Saheb in Lahore in which two Indian diplomats were attacked and injured by several Canadian Sikh extremists. The secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, Dr Teja, called on the Pakistan ambassador in New Delhi, Dr Humayun Khan, at his office today and conveyed India's concern. Dr Teja said the Pakistan Government has told India that it is investigating the matter, but so far it has not told us the result of the investigation, nor has it apprehended the culprits. Dr Teja asked the ambassador to take effective action against those detained and they should not leave the country till the matter is sorted out.

Police Find No Clues in Attack on Sikh Priest

HK280724 Hong Kong AFP in English
0702 GMT 28 NOV 85

[Text] Amritsar, India, Nov 28 (AFP) — Hundreds of local police and paramilitary Central Reserve Police were patrolling here today as investigators said they had no clues leading to the attackers of a top Sikh priest.

Sahib Singh, 45, head priest of the Golden Temple here, was shot and wounded and one of his bodyguards killed when three Sikh youths attacked them during a ceremony in the Golden Temple here yesterday.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) reported from the Punjab state capital, Chandigarh, that about a dozen people were being interrogated, but police have made no arrests.

Investigators said that they had no clues that could lead them to the assailants. They believe that Sikh militants campaigning for a separate homeland in India's north were behind the assault.

Area police chief S.S. Virk said that there had been no street protests, though he said the assault had sparked anger among Sikhs.

Several hundred police and paramilitary reserve forces were on duty today in parts of the city, including the hospital where doctors yesterday declared the priest out of danger after surgery on gunshot wounds in an arm and on his back.

The attacks came two days before a crucial annual election of the powerful Sikh temple committee, in which the moderate and the militant factions of the Sikh political party, the Akali Dal, are expected to take part.

In New Delhi, sources said Sikh separatists have selected Wednesdays for assaults in India as a reminder to Sikhs that it was on a Wednesday that the Indian Army stormed the Golden Temple, their holiest temple.

The sources, who asked not to be named, said Sikhs call this day of the week "black Wednesday." More than 650 people were killed when the army moved in on militants entrenched in the temple in June 1984.

The sources pointed out that Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated on Wednesday, October 31 last year, Lalit Maken, a prominent trade union leader and aide of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was murdered on Wednesday July 31, and ruling Congress (I) Party leader Arjun Das was gunned down here on Wednesday September 4. "The attack of Sahib Singh confirms that it was not just a coincidence that the other attacks were carried out on the same day of the week," one of the sources said.

Parliament Briefed on Defense Purchases

BK280859 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0830 GMT 28 Nov 85

[Text] The Rajya Sabha was informed today that a contract has been signed with a British firm for the supply of 11 Sea Harrier aircraft to India. The minister of state for defense, Mr Arun Singh, said in a written reply that the government has not taken any decision to procure Westland helicopters even though a proposal for the purchase of these helicopters is under consideration at the Ministry of Transport for civilian use. In reply to a separate question, the minister said no negotiations are being held with Britain for the purchase of Sea King helicopters or HMS Hermes.

Mr Arun Singh told the house that there have been cases of violation of Indian airspace by Pakistan aircraft in Jammu and Kashmir sector this year. He said that there have been some cases of exchange of fire between India and Pakistani troops along the line of control in Jammu and Kashmir. The house was also informed that the protests have been lodged with Pakistan and China on different occasions against the illegal construction of the Karakoram highway and the opening of Khujerab pass to traffic between Pakistan and China.

Trade Contracts Signed With Soviet Union

BK280338 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0240 GMT 28 Nov 85

[Text] Trade contracts over 10 crore rupees have been signed at the Soviet Union pavillion at the India international trade fair in New Delhi. The commercial director of the pavillion, Mr (Leonid Papin), told newsmen that the contracts were for the Soviet export of reactive fuel, equipment for the manufacture of rubber goods, including typres, and for the import of garments and handicrafts. Mr (Papin) said that talks regarding a number of other contracts are being finalized and it is expected that the resulting trade agreements would be of about 34 crore rupees.

Union Carbide Accused of Negligence in Bhopal

BK290422 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0240 GMT 29 Nov 85

[Text] The Madhya Pradesh government has filed a statement before the 1-man commission enquiring into the Bhopal gas tragedy. In the statement, the state government has charged the

Union Carbide with negligence and breach of duty in not properly designing, maintaining and operating the plant. It also maintained that the authorities have failed warn the people of the risks involved in the manufacturing process of MIC gas. The commission is headed by Justice N.K. Singh.

Paper Urges Gandhi, Zia To Improve Relations

BK271836 Delhi INDIAN EXPRESS in English 20 Nov 85 p 6

[Editorial: "Tactical Ambivalence"]

[Text] It may have been entirely fortuitous that President Zia's combative interview with the *FINANCIAL TIMES* of London alleging that India had, despite its denials, nuclear striking capability against anyone they like (sic) should have appeared the same day that he and Mr Rajiv Gandhi were exchanging courtesies at a tete-a-tete in Muscat and arranging a stop-over visit of the Pakistani president to Delhi next month. Indo-Pakistan relations have been bedevilled far too long by accidents (?), ambiguities and contradictions of this kind for anyone to be overly disconcerted by it. It would be as naively optimistic to see in the Muscat meeting a breakthrough in Indo-Pakistan relations as it would be naively negative to be upset by Zia's speaking for the record to a British newspaper. The studied ambivalence of the Pakistani president was evident in the curious rider he made to his assertion of India's nuclear weapon capability: He doubted if India would use a nuclear weapon in any armed conflict, including a war with Pakistan!

The Muscat meeting may have been unplanned but it would have been very unusual, and would have sent wrong signals all around, if the two had not met. Such occasions are almost invariably used by the assembled leaders to call on one another for bilateral chit-chats. Indeed, this is the sixth time that Mr Gandhi and Gen. Zia have met since the latter came to New Delhi to attend Mrs Gandhi's funeral. Having said this, it must be added that the Muscat meeting, described by Gen. Zia as "very good," went beyond the bonds of diplomatic courtesy. According to Mr Gandhi, they "discussed all sorts of bilateral problems and areas of cooperation." While neither specified the bilateral problems, it would be extraordinary if the nuclear bomb question did not figure in the talks, if only in terms of both sides reiterating their known claims and assertions in the matter.

It may well be that the general chose to make his allegations to the newspaper as a counter to the persistent expression of India's concern over Pakistan's nuclear weapons programme. But it is precisely such allegations and similar expressions of mutual mistrust that have fouled the process of normalisation between the two countries. Given the imperatives of subcontinental harmony, it would be wrong to let purely propagandist allegations mar the efforts towards improvement of Indo-Pakistan relations. President Zia has accepted Mr Gandhi's invitation to briefly stop over in Delhi on his way back from Maldives on December 16. Before that, however, the two leaders will meet again in Dhaka during the SARC [South Asian Regional Corporation] summit. They owe it to the peoples of India and Pakistan to set aside past animosities and present mistrust, and take concrete steps towards establishing good-neighbourly relations.

Zia Reiterates Support for Palestinians

BK290608 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu
0200 GMT 29 Nov 85

[Text] Today, the international community is observing a day of solidarity with the people of Palestine. On this occasion, President General Mohammad Ziaul Haq has reiterated Pakistan's full support to the Palestinian brothers and announced the solidarity of the people and Government of Pakistan with them in their relentless struggle for the restoration of their fundamental rights of national sovereignty. The president said that as a Muslim nation Pakistan has always supported the struggle of people against the systems of colonialism, foreign domination, and oppression. We are strongly determined to hold aloft the principles of the right to self-determination and universal norms of freedom and justice. He said that on this occasion we pay tribute to the brave people of Palestine for strongly and resolutely opposing the illegal occupation by (?Israelis) of their country. They have won our hearts forever by making great sacrifices in the cause of freedom and justice. The president said that Israeli activities and policies have belied the aspirations of the international community and denigrated international law and the principles of civilized life. In an attempt to realize its expansionist goals, Israel has committed frequent aggression against and brutal oppression of the Arabs and Palestinians of the occupied Arab territories. Its recent unprovoked air attack on Tunis is additional evidence of its ambition to keep this territory unstable forever to maintain its military supremacy.

The president said that the Government of Pakistan strongly condemns the oppressive policies of Israel against the Arab and Palestinian people because it is the real cause for trouble and (?anxiety) in the Middle East and is a danger to international peace and stability. He said it is clear that the Palestinians' legal rights as a nation cannot be terminated by oppression and terrorism and that the Palestinians cannot be deprived of these rights forever.

General Mohammad Ziaul Haq has said that it is a (?historic) and moral responsibility to support and help the Palestinian people. Besides, every possible effort should be made to make Israel give up its stubborn attitude and its (?evil) campaign to foil every step in establishing a just and durable peace in the Middle East.

The president has demanded that Israel vacate Arab and Palestinian territories, including Jerusalem, which it has been occupying since 1966, and honor the Palestinians' right to self-determination and the establishment of their nation. Barring this, a comprehensive and (?timely) settlement to the Middle East problem is inconceivable.

A Radio Pakistan correspondent says that there are two objectives in observing solidarity day with the people of Palestine. The first is to bring to the attention of the world the difficulties and sufferings of the Palestinians, and the second is to consolidate world opinion behind restoring and implementing the Palestinians' right to self-determination.

Official Explains Stand on Direct Talks With Kabul

BK281025 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu
1000 GMT 28 Nov 85

[Text] Speaking during an adjournment motion by Maulana Wasim Hassan Naqvi in the National Assembly, the minister of state for foreign affairs, Mr Zain Noorani, said Pakistan's position on the Kabul regime's demand for direct talks was clearly stated by the foreign minister last July. He said direct talks can only be considered in the light of appropriate developments at the Geneva negotiations. There should be no ambiguity about Pakistan's position on this issue.

Sikh Pilgrims Attack Indian Embassy Staff

BK270623 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu
0600 GMT 27 Nov 85

[Text] An investigation has begun into the incident of an alleged attack in which two staff members of the Indian Embassy were injured by some Sikh pilgrims at the Sikh temple in Nankana Saheb yesterday. According to local police, Consul Mr D. Jain and First Secretary K.K. Khanna suffered head injuries and received medical assistance at a Lahore hospital. Doctors attended the injured throughout the night. The Indian ambassador, visiting the two Indian Embassy staff members, said the doctors and hospital staff cared for the injured Indian diplomats attentively. He said Mr Jain had gone to Nankana Saheb as a liaison officer and Mr Khanna was accompanying him. Earlier, a Sikh party arrived in Nankana Saheb from India to observe the birthday of Guru Nanek. Other Sikhs from many parts of the world have also come to Nankana Saheb for this occasion.

Government Deplores Attack

BK281721 Karachi Domestic Service in English
1700 GMT 28 Nov 85

[Text] The Government of Pakistan has deplored the incident in which two officers of the Indian Embassy were injured as a result of violence committed by some visiting Sikh pilgrims. An official statement in Islamabad today said the local administration had already instituted an investigation into the matter and, in accordance with the laws of Pakistan, appropriate action is being taken against the offenders.

6 Sikhs Arrested, Out on Bail

BK291527 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu
1500 GMT 29 Nov 85

[Text] Six Sikh pilgrims involved in the Gurdwara Dera Saheb incident in Lahore on Wednesday, in which two Indian diplomats were injured, have been arrested. The Indian diplomats include a counselor and first secretary who were allegedly injured inside the Gurdwara and later underwent preliminary medical treatment at (Mayo) hospital. The culprits were later released on bail.

DPRK Vice Premier Arrives in Islamabad 28 Nov

BK280612 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu
0600 GMT 28 Nov 85

[Text] The DPRK vice premier and foreign minister, Kim Yong-nam, has said that his country desires to increase its economic cooperation with Pakistan. He made this observation while talking to newsmen at Islamabad airport on his arrival there from Karachi this morning. He said he will exchange views with Pakistani leaders on matters relating to promotion of friendly relations and other subjects of mutual interest. The DPRK vice premier was received at the airport, among others, by the foreign minister, Sahabzada Yaqub Khan.

Meets With Yaqub Khan

BK281531 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu
1500 GMT 28 Nov 85

[Text] Talks were held today in Islamabad between the visiting DPRK vice premier and foreign minister, Mr Kim Yong-nam, and Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan. An official statement issued later said that they discussed bilateral relations and agreed to promote economic and other cooperation. They also exchanged views on the Nonaligned Movement and other regional and international issues on which there were identical views. Both sides expressed complete understanding on regional matters, and both foreign ministers agreed to continue cooperating with each other on matters involving the Nonaligned Movement.

Earlier, the DPRK vice premier and foreign minister told newsmen on his arrival in Islamabad that his country wants to further increase its economic cooperation with Pakistan.

Somali Official Arrives for Talks 26 Nov

BK261511 Karachi Domestic Service in English
1005 GMT 26 Nov 85

[Text] The Somali minister of state for foreign affairs and special envoy of the Somali president, Mr Mohamed Ali Hamid, arrived in Islamabad this morning. He had brought a special message from the Somali president for President Mohammad Ziaul Haq.

Talking to newsmen at the airport he stressed the need for increased economic cooperation between the two countries. About bilateral relations between Pakistan and Somalia Mr Mohamed Ali Hamid said the two Muslim brotherly countries are cooperating with each other at all the international forums including the ICO and the United Nations. He thanked Pakistan for providing relief goods for the drought affecting people in Somalia.

Meets With Ziaul Haq

BK271840 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu
1500 GMT 27 Nov 85

[Text] The special envoy of the Somalian president, Mr Mohamed Ali Hamid, called on President Mohammad Ziaul Haq in Islamabad today, giving him a special message of the Somalian president and expressing good wishes on his behalf. They exchanged views on bilateral cooperation and the situation in northern parts of Africa. The Somalian envoy thanked the president for donating rice during the drought. He assured Pakistan of Somalia's full support on international and regional matters. The president assured that Pakistan will fully cooperate with fraternal Somalia.

Meets With Prime Minister

BK280428 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu
0200 GMT 28 Nov 85

[Text] The Somali president's special envoy, Dr Mohamed Ali Hamid, called on Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo in Islamabad yesterday evening. The envoy conveyed to him a message of goodwill from President Siad Barre. The prime minister expressed satisfaction at the existing fraternal relations between Pakistan and Somalia and exchanged views with the envoy on matters relating to the consolidation of bilateral relations, particularly facilities for higher education for Somali students in Pakistan. The special envoy apprised the prime minister of the situation in the northern African regions and extended an invitation to him from the Somali president to visit Somalia. The invitation was accepted.

The Somali envoy also met with the minister of state for foreign affairs, Zain Noorani, and discussed Pakistan-Somali relations with him. Zain Noorani said Pakistan also desires to increase cooperation with Somalia in the agricultural, educational, trade, and cultural fields.

Ziaul Haq Pays Visits to UAE, Saudi Arabia

For WAKH and SPA reportage on the visits to the UAE and Saudi Arabia by President Mohammad Ziaul Haq, including his meeting with Saudi King Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz, please see the UAE and Saudi Arabia subsections of the Arabian Peninsula section of the 27 November Middle East & Africa *DAILY REPORT* and subsequent issues.

BANGLADESH

Foreign Minister Optimistic Over SAARC Outcome

BK281551 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 28 Nov 85

[Text] The foreign minister, Mr Humayun Rashid Chowdhury, has expressed the hope that the forthcoming SAARC [South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation] will not only open up a new vista for expanding cooperation among the countries of South Asia, but will also create an atmosphere of understanding and peace in the region. In an exclusive interview with the Bangladesh television in Dhaka today, he said the 1,000 million people of this area will have the opportunity to discuss many common issues, like economic and social development. The foreign minister, while giving his optimistic impression about the far-reaching effects of the SAARC in bringing about trust and maintaining peace in the region, said President Ershad has already visualized the expanding cooperation among the countries — what he termed as [being] transition from conflict to reconciliation.

Chowdhury Welcomes New Ganges Water Agreement

BK261459 Dhaka Overseas Service in English 1230 GMT 26 Nov 85

[Text] The foreign minister, Mr Humayun Rashid Chowdhury, has described as constructive the memoradum of understanding signed by the irrigation ministers of Bangladesh and India in New Delhi on Friday last on the Ganges and other rivers. He told a news conference in Dhaka yesterday that the agreement is constructive for the simple reason that we have been able to agree to the level of 1982.

Mr Chowdhury said it was in 1974 that Bangladesh's entitlement to the historical flows of the Ganges was given up by agreeing to share its waters, and in successive agreements Bangladesh came out with less and less water. He said the new memorandum of understanding has been signed on the terms similar to those of the 1982 memorandum of understanding.

NEPAL

Editor Arrested in Connection With Commentary

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[Text] Katmandu, Nov 28 (AFP) — The editor and publisher of the vernacular weekly *SAPTA GANDAKI* has been arrested in connection with an allegedly objectionable editorial in the weekly, police sources said today. Bupanidhi Panta was arrested yesterday under the state offence act in Pokhara District, 205 kilometers (140 miles) west of here, the source added.

The action was taken against Mr Panta as an editorial published in the weekly on November 7 was reportedly found to be quite objectionable, the source added.

The editor of the fortnightly Parabati in a statement demanded the release of Mr Panta, alleging that the government of Prime Minister Lokendra Bahadur Chand had been harming newspapers instead of helping them.

SRI LANKA

Jayewardene Cancels Meeting With Gandhi

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[Excerpt] Colombo, Nov 27 (AFP) — President Junius Jayewardene will not go to New Delhi next month for talks with Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi on Sri Lanka's ethnic crisis, authoritative sources said today.

The Indian newspaper *THE HINDU* reported from New Delhi that President Jayewardene was to meet Mr Gandhi in the Indian capital December 9, on his way home from a South Asian Regional Cooperation (SARC) summit in Bangladesh.

However, authoritative sources told AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE today that the two leaders would be holding talks on the Tamil question during the Dhaka summit and another meeting in New Delhi was not considered necessary.

President Jayewardene will be returning to Colombo on December 9 to be at hand to welcome Pakistani President Mohammed Ziaul Haq, who is due in Colombo on an official visit from December 10 to 14, the sources added. The Sri Lankan president and Mr Gandhi last discussed the efforts to find a solution to the ethnic problem during a Commonwealth summit in the Bahamas last month.

Trade Talks With China Open in Colombo 28 Nov

BK281437 Colombo International Service in English 1030 GMT 28 Nov 85

[Excerpt] Trade talks between Sri Lanka and China under the auspices of the joint committee for economic and trade cooperation opened in Colombo. The Chinese delegation to the session, which will last until 5 December, is being led by the vice minister of foreign economic relations and trade. The Sri Lanka delegation will be led by Minister of Finance and Planning Ronnie de Mel.

Khamene'i Endorses Diplomatic Appointments

LD281524 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 28 Nov 85

[Text] At the suggestion of the minister of foreign affairs, endorsed by Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i, president of the Republic, the following have been appointed:

Ja'far Za'faranchi, consul to Luxembourg; Dr 'Abbas Safarian Ne'matabadi, ambassador to Libreville and Iran's accredited consul to[words indistinct]; Seyyed Kalantarnia, ambassador to Stockholm andaccredited ambassador to Iceland; Kia Tabatabi'i, ambassador to Moscow and accredited ambassador to Mongolia; and Seyyed Baqer Safa'i, ambassador to Qatar.

Officials Continue To Address Mobilization Rally

Prime Minister's Address Cited

LD271836 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 27 NOV 85

[Text] Prime Minister Mir Hoseyn Musavi has addressed a 17,000-strong rally of mobilization commanders from all over the country, and has exposed the plots hatched by the world superpowers and international organizations influenced by them in the political, economic, cultural and propaganda dimensions.

He said: Not a day passes without plots or a plot in these areas being hatched against our people and country, and not a single day passes without our witnessing great power provocations in the military arenas. Since the victory of the revolution we have witnessed the presence of warships within a few steps of the Hormuz Strait. They have come for a confrontatin against our nation and not against the reactionary, puppet regimes in the region. They are waiting for some weakness on our part in order to carry out their plans serving the interests of regional reaction and arrogant powers. However, despite all this we have demonstrated that we can stand on our own two feet in the economic and political spheres without extending a begging bowl toward anyone, and we have also shown that we have the opportunity to rely on ourselves. They are against us and quite rightly so, because our victory will be tantamount to the beginning of the victory of all the world's meek nations!

Referring to the fact that judgment by the arrogant world powers on the Islamic Revolution is not of the least importance to us and that what is important is tantamount to the standards arising from the Islamic school of thought and the aspirations arising from the meek in our society who are truly the heirs of the Islamic Revolution, the prime minister added: We have found them out and have felt their bloody talons at the throat of our nation and, at a world level, we have witnessed their crimes against the Third World nations and even against their own nations. For instance, the Harlem district remains the shame of the United States, and we do not need to refer to the Middle East, Lebanon, the reactionary countries run by CIA power and others. We do not attach importance to the plots hatched by the world's great powers, nor do we stoop to do so. By mobilizing the forces of the meek we will stand against the world if our aspirations are challenged.

The prime minister then expounded on the role played by regional reaction in securing the Iraqi regime's military and economic needs, even selling oil on its behalf, and added: Weapons which are not at the disposal of any of the Third World countries are plentifully provided to the blood-shedding Iraqi regime by both East and West, so that it might bring defeat to the revolution.

Mr Musavi then expounded on the role played by the media, more than 90 percent of which are Zionist controlled and harbor the intention of misrepresenting the face of the revolution, adding: Regarding these capabilities, the capital on which we draw is constituted by the hopes aroused in the hearts of the world's oppressed nations. The prime minister said: The government, as a serving institution and centralized executive apparatus which must serve the cause of the war, attaches importance to the mobilization and its fountainhead constituted by the meek in society.

More on Musavi Address

LD271902 Tehran IRNA in English 1742 GMT 27 Nov 85

[Text] Tehran, Nov 27, IRNA — Prime Minister Hoseyn Musavi Wednesday told thousands of Basij para-military forces that the Islamic Republic is prepared to face any eventual U.S. attack on the country.

Musavi said that the United States has kept a naval presence in the Persian Gulf and was awaiting an opportunity to move against a weak spot of the Islamic Republic. "We hardly pass a day," said Musavi, "without witnessing plots against this country and its people."

The 20,000 para-military volunteers who had gathered in a west Tehran sports stadium chanted "Death to America" as the prime minister spoke to them from a platform with date trees and sandbags resembling a Basij outpost in a battlefield.

Musavi said despite the difficulties that the country was facing the people had proved that they were able to "stand on their own feet and not beg from others" in order to run the affairs of the country.

Iran expelled foreign experts, including thousands of American military advisors, after the 1979 Islamic Revolution. It later cut diplomatic relations with Washington.

The people in this country, Musavi said, want to live independently and do not want the United States to plunder their wealth. "From the very first day of the revolution we have been witnessing the presence of the U.S. naval fleet in the Strait of Hormuz and our nation is prepared to cope with any foreign intervention".

At the end of the meeting a nine-article resolution was read and approved by the chants of men and women volunteers present. The resolution said that the Basij was prepared to turn the "warm waters of the Persian Gulf into a mass grave for the American Marines".

The resolution also expressed approval for the selection of Ayatollah Montazeri as the future leader of the Islamic Revolution but added that all volunteers prayed for the long life of Imam Khomeyni.

The resolution also supported the one-month old cabinet of Prime Minister Musavi as a "symbol of those following the imam and a defender of the deprived".

A one thousand strong force of Iraqi volunteers is to leave for the battlefronts Thursday, it was announced in the meeting.

Prosecutor General Addresses Guards

GF240735 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0330 GMT 24 Nov 85

[Text] According to an IRNA report, the prosecutor general, Mr Musavi-Kho'iniha, participated in the morning ceremonies of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps personnel yesterday. In his speech, he stressed that the philosophical, cultural, and economic bases of international oppression within Iran should be destroyed. He added: We must crush the decadent domestic economic bases of international oppression in order to strengthen the fronts and continue the military battle against oppression. This is because their continuation harms the fronts and weakens revolutionary values.

Stressing the fact that the fronts of the imposed war are today the embodiment of all our slogans, he went on to say: The efforts of the government, the Majlis, the judiciary, and all organizations and people have value when they make a contribution to strengthening the fronts. He noted that the deprived Muslim people have led the way in solving problems since the start of the victory of the Islamic Revolution and have put their lives and livelihoods into this effort. He added: At the same time, there were people who did not adapt to the revolution and who continue to crave the corrupt monarchist system. The holy atmosphere of the Islamic Republic is unbearable for them.

In another part of his speech, the prosecutor general pointed out that for various reasons, such as the war, a serious confrontation with this group has been neglected and said: They will have to be dealt with decisively since they are hatching plots and are attacking Islamic values through various forms of trickery. They are gathering wealth in forbidden ways and have to prepare a sinful atmosphere in which to spend it.

Stressing the dangers posed by the economic bases of international oppression, he said: Side by side with the battle against the foreign enemy, the internal gangs of oppression must also be destroyed. Watch out for them so that they will have no ground on which to flourish. In the presence of the mini-idolaters, planning for the interests of the deprived of society is useless.

Rafiqdust Speaks

LD271921 Tehran IRNA in English 1740 GMT 27 Nov 85

[Text] Rasht, Gilan Prov., Nov 27, IRNA — Iran's Minister of the Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps (IRGC) Mohsen Rafiqdust arrived here Wednesday to participate in ceremonies marking Basij (Mobilization) Week.

Addressing members of Basij forces here on recent peace feelers by a number of countries, the IRGC minister said that the Iraqi imposed war would only end when Iranian Muslim combatants achieve a final victory over the Ba'thist Iraqi aggressors.

Rafiqdust further said that Iranian people are determined to continue their defensive war even till the last drops of their blood and never would they pay any attention to the peace overtures of foreign governments. It was Saddam Husayn who launched this aggression and Iranian Muslims are defending against the aggression, the IRGC minister said.

Elsewhere in his talks, Rafiqdust said that Iranian military authorities are determined to domestically produce all the needed weapons and spare parts.

Basij Resolution Issued

LD271927 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 27 Nov 85

[Text] According to a report by a Central News Unit correspondent, at the end of the nationwide seminar of Basij commanders a resolution was issued. The resolution stressed that the main issues of our revolution and Islamic Republic is still the war, the honorable and just defense of Islam and the Islamic Republic and its continuation until the downfall of the aggressor regime of Iraq.

The resolution emphasizes: The secret of our repeated victories is our sincere following of the dear imam. We call on the authorities, the statesmen and the honorable Majlis deputies to continue following this holy course and God's spirit. While praying for long life for the great leader of the Islamic Revolution, Imam Khomeyni, we endorse the decision made by the Assembly of Experts to select His Excellency Grand Ayatollah Montazeri as the next leader of the revolution.

Endorsing Prime Minister Musavi's government, the resolution praises the state prosecutor general for his efforts to uproot minor satans, the arrogant and the gold hoarders, who have amassed their illegitimate gains through sucking the blood of the deprived and the miserable.

The resolution finally asks the combative Iranian ummah to swarm the fronts by joining the Karbala convoys and bring down the fortresses of the Saddamites.

Production Begins of Kalashnikov, T-55 Tanks

LD282114 Tehran in English to Europe 1930 GMT 28 Nov 85

[Text] With the efforts undertaken by the committed experts of the defense industries of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the first production line of Kalashnikov and T-55 tanks was inaugurated in special ceremonies in the presence of the ministers of defense and the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps. The T-55 tanks are

some of the arms which have been taken as booty from the invading enemy in considerable numbers during several years of sacred defense by the struggling forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran. With the commissioning of this production line these weapons will be used against the invader.

Musavi Urges Student Political Participation

LD282124 Tehran IRNA in English 1454 GMT 28 Nov 85

[Text] Tehran, Nov 28, IRNA — Prime Minister Hoseyn Musavi Thursday urged students from Allameh Tabataba'i University to become actively involved in social issues and participate in political affairs.

Musavi said that if students had not kept an interest in matters besides their studies "neither the liberals would have been beaten, nor the U.S. spy den (Embassy) would have been taken over nor would the cultural revolution have been accomplished".

Muslim students took over the U.S. spy den in 1979 and later implemented the cultural revolution in the universities.

"If students lose interest in politics, the universities would be a bridge for the return of American exploiters and the former imperial regime," said the prime minister.

He also said that the enemies of the revolution wanted the students to merely study and be indifferent towards social issues so their relations with the people would be cut off.

Musavi said that the power of the Islamic Republic of Iran is from the people. "The nation's awareness of social affairs will lead to the development of the country," he said.

Commander Speaks at Rally Marking Navy Day

LD281222 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 28 Nov 85

[Text] Addressing a ceremonial rally at the Naval Staff Headquarters today marking 7 Azar, the anniversary of Navy Day, glorifying the martyrs' epic deeds and those lost on the missile-launching vessel *Peykan* and recalling the heroisms displayed by the zealous personnel of the vessel in dealing deadly blows at the enemy's Navy, Captain Maleksadegan, commander of the Iranian Navy, emphasized:

The Navy of the Islamic Republic of Iran is protecting and safeguarding regional waters with all its might and will not leave unanswered any intervention by the arrogant powers. The Navy commander said: During the past 5 years certain incidents have taken place in the waters of the Persian Gulf which will be a cause for pride and exaltation and will be coupled with valuable experiences when revealed to future generations. Among other things on 7 Azar 1359 [28th Nov 1980] the heroic personnel of the Navy, with the collaboration of the fast-flying pilots of the Air Force, dealt the heaviest blow to the body of the enemy's Navy in the northern waters of the Persian Gulf. He added: During these operations most of the enemy's floating units and a number of its aircraft were sent to the botton of the sea. That epic, which was coupled with the martyrdom of a number of the zealous personnel of this force, was registered as an example of the epic deeds of these heroes in the annals of history.

He added: On that day, the pilots of the Naval Aviation Force, the rangers and the personnel of the floating units, particularly of the vessel *Peykan*, proved to world arrogance that they could stand on their own feet and defend the waters of the Islamic homeland.

A Central News Unit dispatch from Bandar 'Abbas also says: On the same occasion, during ceremonies held in the first naval area base in Bandar 'Abbas, the memory of the epic and selfless deeds by the intrepid personnel on board the vessel *Peykan* on 7 Azar 1359 2343 were also glorified.

PDRY Official Arrives in Tehran, Makes Statement

GF261858 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1730 GMT 26 Nov 85

[Text] PDRY Deputy Foreign Minister Muhammad 'Ali 'Imayah and his accompanying political delegation arrived in Tehran today. He was received by Foreign Ministry Under Secretary Dr 'Ali Mohammad Besharati. On arrival in Tehran, Mr 'Imayah stated to our correspondent that the purpose of his visit to our country is to hold discussions with officials in the Islamic Republic of Iran on ways to confront international imperialism and Zionism.

Meets With President

LD281458 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 28 Nov 85

[Text] A correspondent of the Central News Unit reports that Muhammad 'Ali Imayah, the PDRY deputy foreign minister, who is in Tehran at the head of a political delegation, this morning met and conferred with President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i. During the meeting, attended also by Besharati, the deputy foreign minister, and Aminian, the ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Yemen, the PDRY deputy foreign minister first expressed the most cordial congratulations on behalf of 'Ali Nasir Muhammad, that country's president, on Mr Khamene'i's reelection as president of the Islamic Republic of Iran. He renewed the PDRY president's emphasis on continued support and backing of that country for the Islamic Revolution of Iran and its sacred aspirations in confronting international imperialism. He said: The PDRY will always remain a supporter of the Iranian Islamic Revolution.

He added: 'Ali Nasir Muhammad has stressed the increasing need for closer solidarity and common responsibility of the two countries of Iran and democratic Yemen, particularly at this sensitive point in time when reactionary and imperialist countries have joined hands and are undermining the aspirations of Palestine. In conclusion, the PDRY deputy foreign minister welcomed the steps being taken to further strengthen the relations between the two countries and hoped that those relations would expand further in the future.

Khamene'i thanked 'Ali Nasir Muhammad, the PDRY president. He stressed the need for stronger unity of progressive and anti-arrogance states against the plots by reaction and international arrogance. He said: We respond positively to our brothers in the PDRY about expanding relations, and we are ready to do that. Khamene'i noted that the steadfastness front, the main characteristic of which is opposition to America's arrogance and to Zionism, should more actively than in the past get the progressive countries of the region together and march forward with serious unity and coordination.

The president added: The United States, the compromisers, and Zionism are devoting all their efforts to prevent a strong and cohesive power from being formed in the region. Some Arab leaders these days openly talk of negotiations with the Zionists. They have done away with and forgotten the decency and prudence they used to exercise in the past. The president added: The only thing that can halt the most dangerous progress of the Camp David Accord at this crucial stage, which we have always maintained would be a process of compromise with Zionism, lies in a decisive and speedy attitude toward the reactionaries by the region's progressive states.

In conclusion, the president said: Of course, the Islamic Republic of Iran has always felt this heavy responsibility, and it will follow it up diligently. There is no doubt, however, that a collective measure will have greater effect.

Meets Velayati

LD271930 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 27 Nov 85

[Text] Muhammad 'Ali 'Imayah, deputy foreign minister of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen (PDRY) who has arrived in Tehran, this afternoon met and conferred with Velayati, minister of foreign affairs.

In this meeting Velayati, pointing to the close relationship between the two countries, stated that without a doubt, given the rapid developments in this sensitive region, we need to exchange views. It is necessary that we both, with our other friends in the region, should struggle for the liberation and defense of Palestine, which constitutes one of our strategic aspirations. Velayati, while stressing the declared stance of the Islamic Republic of Iran in connection with the imposed war, added: The Muslim and progressive countries of the region must fight against the Baghdad-Amman-Cairo axis that has been formed in order to compromise with the Zionist regime and to spread the Camp David conspiracy.

The deputy foreign minister of the PDRY, in the course of explaining his country's views on the Palestine issue, emphasized the need for greater expansion of bilateral relations with the Islamic Republic of Iran. He said that today the United States is threatening us by various ways and means, but we believe fully that we will succeed and become victorious. In order to realize our goals, especially that of expanding joint relations, we will take some effective measures.

Outgoing PRC Envoy Meets With Hafshemi-Rafsanjani

LD271958 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 27 Nov 85

[Text] At the end of his term of office in the Islamic Republic of Iran, the PRC ambassador was received today by Hashemi-Rafsanjani, speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly. The ambassador described the activities carried out during his term of office, and said: Fortunately, thanks to the attention paid by the leaders of the two countries, remarkable progress has been achieved in bilateral ties of friendship. Addressing Hashemi-Rafsanjani, he said: Your Excellency's visit to the PRC opened a new page in the annals of friendship and relations between the two countries and brought joint relations into an important phase.

On behalf of the PRC leaders, the ambassador said: They believe that an extension of friendly relations between the Islamic Republic and the PRC is a definite policy of the PRC.

Hashemi-Rafsanjani then expressed satisfaction with the activities of the PRC ambassador to Iran, and said: The Islamic Republic wishes to expand its relations with China. Our country's government and executive officials always take a positive view of relations with China.

Meets Commerce Minister

LD282051 Tehran IRNA in English 1617 GMT 28 Nov 85

[Text] Tehran, Nov 28, Irna — The ambassador of the People's Republic of China Fan Zuokai met with Commerce Minister Hasan Abedi-Ja'fari and discussed trade and bilateral relations between the two countries.

The Chinese ambassador expressed his government's interest in strengthening relations with the Islamic Republic and also in increasing the volume of trade between the two countries.

Ja'fari said that Iran was keen to expand commercial relations with China and has vast potential to meet that country's requirements.

He added that China should export those goods that would help the Islamic Republic realise its aim of self-sufficiency and in return should buy non-oil goods.

Energy Minister Meets With Bulgarian Official

LD282110 Tehran IRNA in English 1500 GMT 28 Nov 85

[Text] Tehran, Nov 28, IRNA — Bulgarian Minister of Machine-building and Electronics Ognyan Doynov met and conferred here Thursday with Minister of Energy Mohammed Taki Banki. In the meeting, Banki briefed the Bulgarian minister on the Islamic Republic's war policy as well as cooperation with friendly countries.

The minister of energy also informed Doynov of the "certain" defects in electronic devices made in Bulgaria. Doynov thanked Banki for the criticism and expressed the hope that the short-

comings would be soon eliminated and would not cause a rupture in bilateral cooperation.

Industry Minister Visits India, Holds Meetings

GF260824 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 26 Nov 85

[Text] According to the Central News Unit from Delhi, Mr Gholam Reza Shafe'i, our country's minister of industry who has traveled to India as head of a delegation, yesterday met the trade minister of that country.

During the meeting, the industry minister of our country, while noting the expansion of trade relations between the two countries since the victory of the Islamic Revolution, expressed his desire for the export to India of Iranian goods other than oil. During the meeting, the Indian minister of trade expressed his hope that trade issues will be examined further during the session of the two countries' joint commission.

According to this report, our country's industry minister yesterday met the Indian vice president. Mr Shafe'i also participated in the ceremonies marking Iranian national day which were held in Iran's booth in Delhi's fifth international trade exhibition.

Indian officials, ambassadors from friendly countries, members of Islamic Republic agencies and student members of Islamic committees were present.

Concludes Visit

LD260930 Tehran IRNA in English 0700 GMT 26 Nov 85

[Text] New Delhi, Nov 26, IRNA — Iran's Minister of Industries Gholam Reza Shafe'i left here Tuesday morning [26 November] while expressing the hope for "strengthening" bilateral industrial cooperation with India.

Speaking to IRNA here before his departure, Shafe'i said, "We discussed various issues with Indian officials in the field of mutual cooperation, and both countries are ready to study areas for this cooperation".

During Shafe'i's stay in India, Iran's requirements which could be met by India were also studied.

Asked whether the Iraqi-imposed war was discussed with Indian officials, Shafe'i said, "We reiterated our stance in the war and informed the Indian officials of the latest developments".

Shafe'i concluded by saying that the talks with Indian officials were "constructive and fruitful" expressing hope for further cooperation between the two countries.

The Iranian minister was seen off at the airport by the State Industry Minister of India, M. Arunachalam, the ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to India Dr Ebrahim Behnam, and other embassy officials.

Terms Visit 'Successful'

LD271902 Tehran IRNA in English 0857 GMT 27 Nov 85

[Text] Tehran, Nov 27, IRNA — The Iranian minister of industries, Gholam Reza Shafe'i, who headed the Iranian delegation to India, returned here Tuesday afternoon at the end of a four-day visit and talks with Indian officials.

Sepaking to IRNA, Shafe'i said that he was invited to visit the 7th Indian international trade fair and become aquainted with industrial achievements of India. During the visit, talks were held with Indian industrial officials including those of the small industries so that their experience would be used in Iranian industries.

He further told IRNA that talks were also held with the officials of Kudremukh iron ore mines on the ways of exploitation of the mine. It was decided that during a trip of the Indian mine officials to Tehran next month, further negotiations be held on the subject. The industries minister described his talks with his Indian counterpart and other officials including the Indian vice-president as "successful".

On export of non-oil goods to India, he said that if India imported non-oil goods from Iran, in return Iran will purchase raw materials needed for the Iranian industries from India to boost Iran's industrial exports to India.

Ministry Statement Urges Palestinian Unity

LD281853 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 28 Nov 85

[Statement issued by the Foreign Ministry on 28 November on the occasion of the day of solidarity with the Palestinian nation]

[Text] The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, while renewing the solidarity of the Muslim and fighting people of Iran with the Muslim and revolutionary people of Palestine who are being subjected to the most barbarous aggression by the Zionists and by world imperialism led by the United States, brings to the attention of world public opinion, especially Islamic nations and the Third World, the following realities:

The history of Palestine during recent decades is replete with the aggressions of the Zionist regime against the most basic rights of the Palestinian nation and shows these kinds of aggression being repeated with the support of American imperialism.

Regretfully, the silence of the world community and the absence of any moves on the part of Islamic countries to defend their vital interests and their dignity has increased the insolence of the Zionist enemy, so much so that this enemy has expanded the scope of its aggressions, and in order to compensate for its heavy political and military defeats in Lebanon and to divert the Muslim nations' public opinion, especially the Arabs, from these defeats, and with the military and intelligence collaboration of the United States, it has embarked on an air attack a very long distance from occupied Palestine, against the Palestinian camp in Tunisia, so as to create terror and fear among its neighbors, especially among the Arabs and Muslims, and so as to convince

the people of the region that instead of clashing with this usurper regime, they should adopt a path of conciliation and compromise.

The Islamic Republic of Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, while declaring its renewed support and backing for the Muslim and oppressed people of Palestine, wishes to notify the leaders of Palestine that they should regain their unity, and in order to achieve their just rights they should put aside solutions involving compromise and resort to armed struggle, since it is only through armed struggle and Islamic resistance in the face of usurping forces occupying Palestine that the achievement of their legitimate goals will become possible.

The Islamic Republic of Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemns the desperate attempts being made to destroy the aspirations of the Palestinian nation and to obliterate its identity and the attempts to bring about the recognition of the regime occupying Jerusalem, and believes that past experiences have shown that the Zionist regime has never been willing to make peace through concessions and that it has added daily to its aggressions. The adoption of any compromising stands only further strengthens the Zionist enemy in the region.

Musavi-Ardabili Views Needs of Workers, Farmers

LD281718 Tehran IRNA in English 1433 GMT 28 Nov 85

[Text] Tehran, Nov 28, IRNA — Illegally obtained properties must be confiscated and returned to those who have produced them, said Islamic Republic's Chief Justice Ayatollah Musavi-Ardabili here Thursday.

Speaking at a seminar held by the Islamic Association of Workers, Ayatollah Ardabili said God did not give the land to any particular person when he was creating it. "But today there is no land left for the workers or the farmers to build houses on," he said.

Confiscation of illegally obtained property was brought under spotlight recently when Prosecutor General Musavi-Kho'inihawarned of the return of the property owners who had fled the country after the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

Ardabili also said that it is a duty for the Islamic Association of Workers to prevent the infiltration of the antirevolutionaries in the factories or the spread of misguided slogans among the workers.

Ayatollah Ardabili said that the government should give priority to the needs of the workers and farmers in the fields of health, food and housing.

Reportage on Combat Fighting in War With Iraq

Communique No 2,302

LD271717 Tehran IRNA in English 1642 GMT 27 Nov 85

[Text] Tehran, Nov 27, IRNA — Iranian combatants' artillery fire killed or wounded at least 25 Iraqi troops and destroyed several bunkers and one vehicle of the enemy in the western fronts over the past 24 hours, the Joint Staff Command of the Armed Forces reported here Wednesday.

In its Communique Number 2302, the command said that Iran's Muslim fighters subjected Iraqi positions, supply routes and bases in the southern and northwestern fronts to their artillery and mortar fire over the past 24 hours, killing or wounding a number of Iraqi troops and destroying several bunkers and weaponry positions of the enemy.

Over the past 24 hours, the communique said, all enemy operations including vehicle movements, transport of armoured units and reconnaissance flights of Iraqi planes throughout the fronts were completely checked by Iranian forces, who also shelled an Iraqi motor pool near Panjwin, inflicting heavy damages on the enemy and silencing their artillery.

The joint staff further said that the Islamic combatants opened fire on the enemy vehicle columns transporting Iraqi troops near Yebis, Faqqeh, Chazzabeh and (Pichakan) on Tuesday, inflicting considerable casualties and losses on Iraqi troops and disrupting their operations.

Iraqi troops stationed across the Arvand River incurred casualties and losses and their engineering operations were halted by artillery fire of Iran's Gendarmeries Forces, the communique said.

The cities of Abadan and Khorramshahr in Khuzestan Province were shelled by Iraqi forces over the past 24 hours during which a few buildings in Abadan were damaged, the communique concluded.

Communique No 2,303

LD281709 Tehran IRNA in English 1624 GMT 28 Nov 85

[Text] Tehran, Nov. 28, IRNA — Iran's Muslim combatants exchanged artillery and other weaponry fire with the Iraqi forces throughout the battlefronts over the past 24 hours, the Joint Staff Command of the Armed Forces reported here Thursday.

It also said Iranian patrol units were also despatched to harass enemy troops. In its Communique Number 2303, the command added that Iranian artillery fire pounded parts of enemy positions in northwestern operational fronts killing a number of Iraqi troops and demolishing at least ten bunkers and one munitions depot as well as several enemy trucks.

In western fronts, Muslim combatants of Iran shelled enemy command outposts and vehicle columns, killing or wounding 15 enemy troops, the communique added.

The communique said that the enemy vehicle movements were checked throughout the battlefronts, and that Iraqi positions were shelled in Yebis and Chazzabeh regions.

The city of Abadan in Khuzestan Province was subjected to the enemy's long-range artillery fire Thursday causing damages, the communique concluded.